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DICKENS' FAMOUS CHARACTERS APPEAR TO RAISE FUND



NEW YORK, January 27.—American admirers of Charles Dickens are trying to raise \$50,000 to be added to a similar amount being raised in England as a fund for the support of the five granddaughters of the great novelist, all of whom are in needy circumstances, one being in very poor health. In his appeal for funds Joseph H. Choate, chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, says: "Had Dickens been protected in the enjoyment of American royalties morally due him on his books none of his family would be in need. We did not grant him that protection. This is our chance to make amends. It will not come again." Theatrical performances will be given in this country to add to the fund. One such performance given in London recently added \$10,000 to the money available. At that performance prominent actors and actresses appeared as characters from Dickens' works.

Morning Cable Report

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WASHINGTON, February 14.—The State Department was yesterday afternoon notified that China has formally adopted the title of the Chingwa Republic, under which it will take its place among nations.

The official notification was made by the Chinese minister to the United States, representing the provisional government.

Chinese consuls in the United States have been instructed to continue in their office and perform their duties in a provisional way.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 14.—It was announced here yesterday afternoon by Attorney General W. H. Miller of Indiana that the investigation into dynamiting is almost ended. Fifty-four arrests will take place today, he says.

TORREON, Mexico, February 14.—The rebels, who are gathering in force in the Laguna district, yesterday elected Emilio Gomez president and Rafael Adalpo vice president of their provisional government. They have demanded the immediate surrender of the city. Federal troops are being rushed to the scene, but the rebels outnumber them.

NANKING, February 14.—President Sun Yat Sen and his cabinet yesterday sent a message to the assembly requesting that they be relieved from the duties of their office and that the assembly elect a president for the entire republic. Yuan Shih-Kai is recommended.

PHOENIX, February 14.—The order of statehood became effective in Arizona today. Great preparations are being made everywhere for a proper observance of the occasion.

PARIS, February 14.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday adopted a naval program calling for a maintenance budget and constructive budget of 279,000,000 francs. The Senate has provided 5,000,000 francs annually towards aviation.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 14.—The Prohibition party loses 10 vote in the presidential primaries in this city owing to its failure to poll a total of 3 per cent at the last general election.

LONDON, February 14.—Parliament reopens today. The retirement of Premier Asquith is rumored to be impending.

ASTUTE RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS.

In the great peace pact of Portsmouth the genius of Count De Witte demonstrated the tremendous brain power of the Slav, surpassing that of the Oriental from a diplomatic standpoint. No one can deny the astuteness of Russian diplomats, and none doubted that Russia would clearly comprehend the situation. In many ways the great Russian Empire is similar to the United States in the matter of agricultural and business development. While living under conditions which have obtained for centuries, many laws and practices have changed radically during the past two decades, and a great many mistaken ideas prevail concerning Russia.

It is recognized quite generally that no foreign nation has been more friendly to the United States than Russia that we obtained important help during the struggle of independence. It was Russia from whom we secured Alaska, and Russia who remained friendly to the Union throughout the Civil War, when we most needed active allies. There are also some \$5,000,000 in trade carried on between the two countries, and in view of all these facts care should be and

has been taken not to disturb the old friendly relations or forget the old-time benefits.—National Magazine.

A BOOK WITH NO MISTAKES.

A London publisher once determined to publish at least one book which should be faultless in the matter of errata. He had the proofs corrected by his own proofreaders with the greatest care until they had exhausted their skill and patience, and assured him that there were no longer any errors to be eliminated. Taking duplicate proofs of the last revised, he sent them to the universities and other large publishing houses, offering large money prizes for each error discovered. A few errors only were found, and after every one had a chance to detect any additional errors the plates were made, the book printed, expensively bound and sold as an absolutely perfect book, and unique in all literature. For a long time this was conceded, but six or eight months after its publication a letter called the publisher's attention to an error in a certain line and page. Later a second was announced, and before the first year had elapsed some four or five errors had been reported.—National Magazine.

MISSOURIAN CELEBRATES "DRY" VICTORY.

A. D. Fowler of Hardin, went to Alton recently to have a crop of hair and beard of thirty years' growing cut off. Fowler stated that thirty years ago he made a solemn vow that he would never shave again or have his hair cut until the fair city of Hardin went dry and was rid forever of the curse of liquor, says the St. Louis Republic.

For all these thirty years the wets have consistently carried all of the elections, although Fowler made a hard fight, he states, to save his little city and win a hair cut.

At the recent election Hardin went dry and the saloons were closed for the first time in thirty years.

Fowler happily wended his way to Alton to be shorn of his white locks, reaching to his shoulders, likewise a beard that was known as the longest in Calhoun county, coming below his waist.

SHIP MEN ASK MORE CAPITAL.

HAMBURG, January 17.—Important opportunities in connection with the opening of the Panama Canal form the reason advanced by the directors of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company for a proposal to the stockholders to increase the capital of the company to \$6,250,000, thus bringing it up to \$37,500,000. The dividend this year is 9 per cent, against 8 per cent last year, and \$7,250,000 is transferred to reserves and depreciation account.

The increase will make the liquid resources of the company \$11,750,000, in spite of the spending of \$7,500,000 during the last year on the augmentation of the fleet. The gross profits for 1911 were \$10,925,000, compared with \$10,000,000 in 1910.

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